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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

In response to your letter of February 5 we have made another search for letters concerning the research of the work of O. T. Avery in 1944; but without finding anything useful to you.

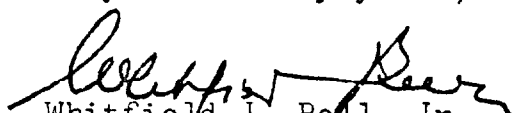
We do have the correspondence and papers of Milislav Demerec. They fill seventeen file boxes. I have looked in them for correspondence with Avery, McCleod and McCarthy; but again have drawn a blank. There is correspondence about conferences and symposia which Dr. Demerec organized but, rather unaccountably, these materials run through 1945 and start again in 1950; the gap covers precisely the year you are interested in.

We do have a list of Demerec's correspondents. If you will check the names of persons with whom he may have corresponded on the subject of Avery's work, we can check those letters for you.

The correspondence of F. J. Ryan and of David Bonner is not in this Library, nor do there appear to be any letters of theirs in other scientists' papers we do have. I am afraid I can tell you nothing at all about the Ryan and Bonner papers, where they may be, if they survive; or what happened to them, if they were destroyed or abandoned.

Please give me some additional clues or points on which to focus, so that we can search the collections intelligently and effectively for you.

Very faithfully yours,



Whitfield J. Bell, Jr.

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